

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/855,878

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 25 November 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-15, 17-20, now renumbered as new claims 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2/16/06.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Susan Rayyan
February 16, 2006

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael G. Fletcher, Reg. No. 32,777 on February 16, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

12. (currently amended) An electronic information system for providing tools to employees of an identified company to perform employment-related functions for the identified company, the system comprising:

an information database containing data related to the identified company;
an interactive Internet website that enables only the employees of the identified company to access and interact with the electronic information system;
a plurality of tools that direct the system to perform operations to assist the employees to perform employment-related functions for the identified company;
an information engine that operates between the information database and the plurality of tools; and
an application to identify each of the employees accessing the system, wherein the system configures the interactive Internet website based on each employees' identity, and a data engine operable to provide a link between the interactive Internet website and an external Internet website, the interactive Internet website and the external Internet website being coordinated so they both have a similar appearance.

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15. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 12, wherein the ~~system is linkable to an~~ data engine provides the link to the external Internet website in a manner transparent to the employees.

16. (cancelled)

Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Barnes et al (US 5,970,475), Roberts et al (US 6,792,605) and prior art of record fail to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature **a data engine operable to provide a link between the first website hosted by the first electronic information system and a second website hosted by a second electronic information system operated by a business partnered with the identified company, the first and second websites having the same look and feel** of independent claims 1; **a data engine operable to provide a link between the interactive Internet website and an external Internet website, the interactive Internet website and the external Internet website being coordinated so they both have a similar appearance** of independent claim 12; **enabling a second company to host a second website having the same look and feel as the first website, wherein the first website is linked to the second website to enable the employees of the first company to obtain second company-related data via the second website without appearing to leave the first website** of independent claim 17.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Contact Information

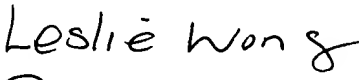
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Rayyan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1675. The examiner can normally be reached M-F: 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jean Homere can be reached on (571) 272-3780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Susan Rayyan

February 16, 2006


Primary Examiner